



Gearing Up For Your Transitions

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Poster Contest

Special Thanks to the Northern Virginia Housing Alliance for allowing use and an adaptation of their Lesson Plans - "There Is No Place Like Home."

Lesson 4

Lessons 1 through 3 defined community, affordable housing, and how affordable housing affects you and your community – today is designed to encourage the students to use art to express this week's theme - "There's No Place Like Home!"

I. Activity 1 - Briefly discuss previous lessons (5 minutes)

- Lead discussion reviewing the topic of affordable housing and the topics discussed throughout the week
- Encourage the students to think about what it means to them to have a home of their own and why everyone in their community should have a home.

II. Activity 2 - Journal Entry (5 minutes)

- Have the students write a short (4-5 sentences) paragraph about what "There's No Place Like Home" means to them

III. Activity 3 - Poster Creation (40 minutes)

- Give each student three or four magazines, scissors, glue/tape, and a piece of poster paper.
- Have the students spend about 30 minutes creating a poster that expresses the week's theme "There's No Place Like Home" and why it is important that everyone in their community have a home they can afford
- Have some of the students share their posters with the class

IV. Display posters as appropriate for your school

- Display in class room, principals office, hall way, etc.
- Have students vote on their favorite poster; either all the 5th grade students or the entire school.
- Use relationships in the community to display the posters – restaurants, art galleries, community center, fire department, etc.
- Information to consider including on the back of the poster:
 - ❖ Student's Name
 - ❖ School
 - ❖ School Address
 - ❖ Teacher Contact